

God's Sovereignty, Our Suffering, God's Purposes

Text: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

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A. God and His Relationship with the Christian in Suffering

2 Cor. 1:1-3

1. The reconciliatory suffering of the Lord Jesus

Eph. 2:13-18

2. The Paternal relationship with God through the Lord Jesus

2 Cor. 1:3b-4, John 21:17

B. God and His Purposes for the Christian through Suffering

1. To equip us to minister comfort to others

2 Cor. 1:4

2. To share in Christ's sufferings and comfort with His people

2 Cor. 1:5-7, Phil. 3:10, 1 Thess. 3:6-8, Rom. 12:15, Gal. 6:2

3. To recognize the depths a believer's suffering may plunge

2 Cor. 1:8-9a, Phil. 1:12-14, 2 Tim. 3:10-12

4. To empty ourselves of self-sufficiency

2 Cor. 1:9b-10, John 15:2, John 15:5

5. To promote fellowship through intercessory prayer

2 Cor. 1:11, Phil. 1:18-19, Col. 4:2-4